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: DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF  
: INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER  
: 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT  
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On June 10, 2002, a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" was mailed.

On December 10, 2002, papers including a Declaration signed by the previously nonsigning inventor Suzanne A.W. Fuqua, and a four month extension of time request were filed by facsimile transmission.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (703) 305-4497.

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